

**Born Again**  
**1 Peter 1:1-12**  
**November 13, 2022**

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,*

*To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: **(already dealt with this, this the Jews being dispersed due to persecution.)***

*Grace to you and peace be multiplied.*

<sup>3</sup> *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy **(didn't have to)** has begotten us again to a living hope **(active and present tense)** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance (an inheritance, a heritage, regularly the gift of God to His chosen people, in the Old Testament: the Promised Land, in New Testament a possession viewed in one sense as present, in another as future; a share, participation.<sup>1</sup>) **incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away **(never leave us)****, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are kept **(He keeps us)** by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

<sup>6</sup> *In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been <sup>[c]</sup>grieved by various trials **(going to happen but temporary)**, <sup>7</sup> that the genuineness **(pure, not fake)** of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> whom having not <sup>[d]</sup>seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup> receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls. **(salvation for her and for later).***

<sup>10</sup> *Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, <sup>11</sup> searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. <sup>12</sup> To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to <sup>[e]</sup>us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into. **The prophets knew only some and the angels desire to look into.***

**"The prophets could only anticipate. They could not grasp the suffering of the Messiah. They could not see how suffering would bring benefits. They could not grasp the glory and how it fit with the suffering. They searched and inquired, longing to know and understand. They stood far off and wanted to know when, and for whom, these things would come." ~ Warren Wiersbe**

**Angels are created beings. They do not experience salvation, nor do they need salvation. Yet, we read here they are so caught up with the splendor and majesty, they long to see and experience it.**

**After they wrote it they have to go back and study it to see what it meant. Isn't that amazing? They wrote it. And after they wrote it, then they started to search it and inquire**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://biblehub.com/greek/2817.htm>

and to say, “what does this mean?” They didn’t at times even understand what they were writing.

Grace is the unmerited love and favor of God that is given to undeserving, hell-bound sinners. There are three key words in God’s dealing with man: One is justice. The other is mercy The third is grace. Just is God giving us what we don’t deserve. Don’t ask for justice. Mercy is God not giving us what we deserve. But grace is God giving us what we don’t deserve.

Hope is not a sedative; it is a shot of adrenaline, a blood transfusion. Like an anchor, our hope in Christ stabilizes us in the storms of life (Hebrews 6:18-19); but unlike an anchor, our hope moves us forward, it does not hold us back. ~ Adrian Rogers

Peter was seeking to encourage believers in the area we know today as modern Turkey.

You are specifically loved.

You are strategically located.

You are eternally secure.

You are incredibly rich.

You are purposefully tested.

You are joyfully expectant<sup>2</sup>.

Prayer Focus:

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<sup>2</sup> Adrian Rogers